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Ms. Karen Keeley
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re: Comments on the Draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for the
Lower Duwamish Waterway Slip 4 Early Action Area (Dated 12/12/05).

Dear Ms. Keeley,

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Fisheries Division (MITFD) has conducted a technical review of the above-referenced draft EE/CA. As you know, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's Usual and Accustomed Fishing Grounds includes all of the aquatic area that is the focus of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site, including the Slip 4 Early Action Area. These are important locations where the Tribe exercises its federally-adjudicated fishing rights. Adequate cleanup of these sites is a necessary step for the protection of the health of tribal fishers exercising their treaty rights in these areas and for the protection of the aquatic ecosystem, which contributes to the health of the fishery itself. The Tribe looks forward to an expeditious and adequate cleanup of the Duwamish River sites to protect its current and future uses.

Please find the attached technical comments on the draft EE/CA. These comments do not preclude the Tribe from submitting additional comments during the formal public review of the EE/CA. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important activity. Please feel free to contact me at (253) 876-3130 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Habitat Program Manager

cc: Allison Hiltner, EPA